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In the Application of Jack R. Cooper and Yungwei Chen

Ser.No.: 09/875,286

Filed: June 5, 2001

For: ENERGY ATTENUATION DEVICE FOR A FLUID-CONVEYING LINE
AND METHOD OF ATTENUATING ENERGY IN SUCH A LINE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

URGENT REQUEST FOR STATUS ON PETITION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the status of the "Request to Rescind Notice of Abandonment" filed via Express Mail on May 12, 2002 and on September 12, 2002. Applicants have not received a response to either of these Requests, and status of the application and response to the petitions is now urgently requested.

Attached to this transmittal is a full and complete copy of the "Request to Rescind Notice of Abandonment" as filed on May 12, 2002 and on September 12, 2002. Additionally, copies of the Express Mail labels under which the Requests were filed are also attached.

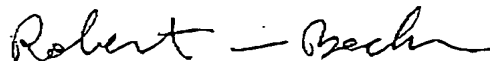
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Applicants' representative will also contact the PCT Legal Office and the technical center assigned to this application after submittal by fax in order to confirm receipt of this letter.

Applicants respectfully request a response to the "Request to Rescind Notice of Abandonment" on an expedited basis, if possible, as it has been some time since the request were filed and there is now some urgency regarding this application.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and the undersigned would very much appreciate a telephone call if additional information is required in order to respond to this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST TO RESCIND NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

In the above-identified application, the Applicants in Ohio have received from the Patent Office a Notice of Abandonment dated 08/23/2002. This Notice was issued due to Applicants' failure to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated 08/08/2001.

We respectfully submit that Applicants first learned of the Notice to File Missing Parts on May 9, 2002, in a status telephone call made to the US Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Initial Patent Examination Customer Service. Applicants were informed that the application was not yet abandoned but the Missing Parts should be filed immediately. Applicants immediately executed the declaration and filed it via letter dated May 16, 2002. A copy of that letter and the Express Mail label as filed are enclosed.

Applicants have attempted to be fully responsive to all requirements and responded in a timely regarding the filing of Missing Parts as soon as the information became known to them.

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BOX MISSING PARTS
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

ATTN: Manager, Application Branch

LETTER

Sir:

A telephone call regarding status of the above-identified application was made to the U.S. Patent Office, Office of Initial Patent Examination Customer Service, on May 9, 2002. The response to our request was that the application had yet to be abandoned but would be abandoned soon due to failure to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts. Since a Notice of Abandonment had not been issued, Applicants were instructed to file the missing declaration immediately in order to stay the Notice of Abandonment.

Therefore, enclosed herewith is the required declaration and power of attorney executed by the Applicants as requested in the status telephone conversation and as required for completion of filing requirements for the above-identified application.

Please note that this letter is filed without a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts as a Notice was never received in this office.

Applicants have attempted to be fully compliant with the requirements as stated

in the status telephone conversation and request that any required fees be charged to deposit account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION
CONTINUATION-IN-PART

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **ENERGY ATTENUATION DEVICE FOR A FLUID-CONVEYING LINE AND METHOD OF ATTENUATING ENERGY IN SUCH A LINE** on the specification of which:

(check one) X is attached hereto;
 X was filed on June 5, 2001 as
Application Serial No. 09/875,286
 was amended on ,
(if applicable);
 was allowed on ,
(if applicable);

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as allowed (if applicable) and/or as amended by any amendment referred to above (if applicable).

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

09/471,048
(Appln. S.N.)

December 22, 1999
(Filing Date)

Patented - No. 6,240,964
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I hereby appoint, jointly and severally as attorneys for this application with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, the following Attorneys: Joseph V. Tassone, Registration No. 20,998 and Reuben Wolk, Registration No. 16,995. Unless changed by one of said attorneys all communications are to be addressed to:

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me or us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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